

Can I write the opening to a  
story?

# Fast Five

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Answers on the next slide

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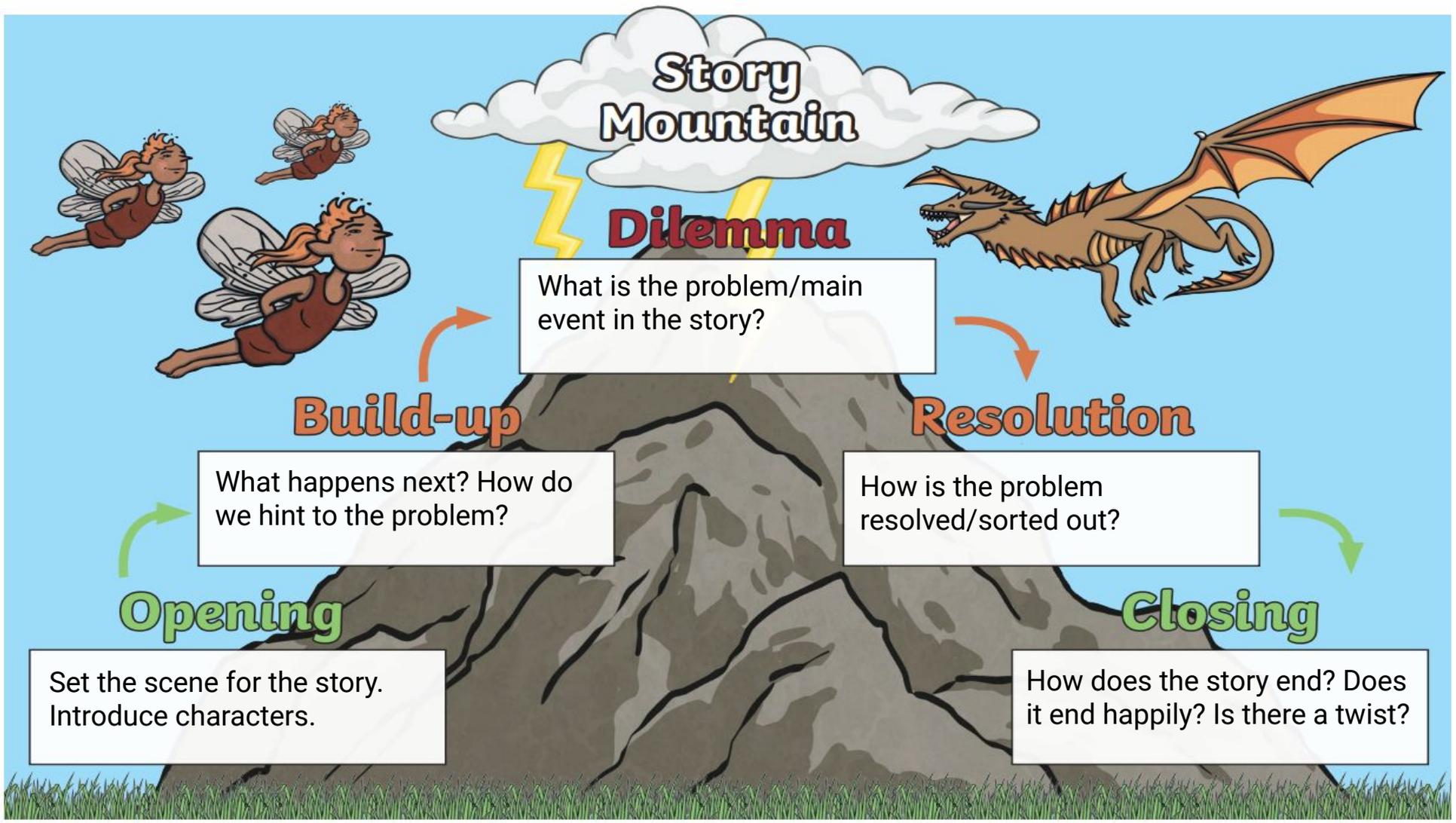
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1. “Where did you hide the remote?” his mum asked.
2. He looked at her and said “Would you like an ice cream?”
3. “Happy birthday!” her friends shouted.

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# Story Mountain



## Dilemma

What is the problem/main event in the story?

## Build-up

What happens next? How do we hint to the problem?

## Resolution

How is the problem resolved/sorted out?

## Opening

Set the scene for the story. Introduce characters.

## Closing

How does the story end? Does it end happily? Is there a twist?

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On top of the biggest rock that could be seen for miles, a lamb emerged from the bushes. With bright blue eyes that reflected the sun, and soft, white wool that covered him head to toe, the lamb gracefully made his way to the edge of the rock.

While all the other animals looked on, the lamb began to dance. His jet black hooves, that clicked rhythmically against the rock, led every creature for miles in a joyous jig.



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**Adverbs**

# Today's task

Use the planning sheet to help plan your opening in your book.

Write your opening in your book (one paragraph). Remember to include:

Adjectives/Expanded noun phrase

Fronted adverbials

Conjunctions